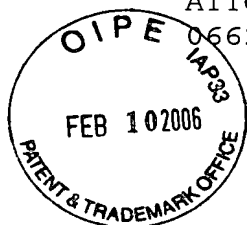


REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Notification Under Ex Parte Quayle mailed December 12, 2005. Applicant respectfully appreciates the Examiner's consideration of the Application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

The Abstract stands objected to under M.P.E.P. §608.01(b) and 37 C.F.R. §1.72 as including reference numerals and a total word count exceeding 150 words in length. The Abstract has been amended to eliminate the reference numerals and reduce the word count to 150 words or less. Attached herewith for the Examiner's convenience is a clean version of the Abstract reflecting these amendments. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the Abstract is in accordance with M.P.E.P. §608.01(b) and 37 C.F.R. §1.72.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication by the Examiner that Claims 1-24 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all the pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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